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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Theater Forces Division, OSR

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, IRS

SUBJECT: Search of Chinese Rail Net for Indications  
of MRBM ActivityREFERENCE: CIA Requirement C-RR7-84,470 - Suppl 1  
(NPIC Project 111106EB)

1. This memorandum is in response to your standing requirement which requests a search along the Chinese rail net for indications of MRBM site construction, new rail spurs, or major construction activity.

2. It should be kept in mind that in order to recognize an MRBM launch site, fixed field site, or associated logistical support facility, construction on the installation would have had to progress to the point where it displayed a signature somewhat similar to that of known sites or, if different, some feature that can be definitely associated with missile launching or support.

3. Pertinent photography from Mission [REDACTED] was searched and those portions of the rail net that could be negated for suspect activity are shown on an overlay (see attachment).

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4. Two probable SAWRF's were identified by CIA/IAS on this mission near Tientsin (Reference Cables 5745 and 5761, dated 25 February and 27 February 1969, respectively). NPIC concurs with their identification.

5. Those portions of the Chinese rail net that are negated are based on the following criteria:

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a. The rail lines were searched on sufficient cloud-free photography to observe any suspect activity in areas up to 15 nautical miles (nm) on either side of the rail line.

b. Cloud-free segments of rail lines less than 8 nm in length are not shown on the overlay.

6. For information on this project contact [redacted]  
Extension [redacted]

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Attachment:  
Overlay

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